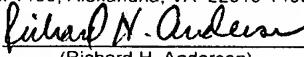


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Attorney Docket No.: 06005/39710

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the following application:

Serial No. : 10/712,549  
Filing Date : November 13, 2003  
Inventor(s) : Ted D. Grabau  
Title : VULCANIZED RUBBER COMPOSITION AND ARTICLES  
MANUFACTURED THEREFROM  
Art Unit : 1713  
Examiner : R. A. Lee

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Previously submitted  
 Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.116 previously filed \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed

Amendment/Reply  
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
 Information disclosure statement 05/11/2007 TBESKAH1 00000026 10712549  
 Other: 01 FC:1801790.00 0P

**2. Miscellaneous**

This is a petition for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time.

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(Suspension period not to exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required).

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	\$ 790.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	\$ _____

**4. Method of Payment of Fees**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is a check in the amount of:	\$ 790.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Charge Deposit Account No. 13-2855 in the amount of: A copy of this transmittal is enclosed.	\$ _____

Please direct all future communications to Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP at the address below.

Dated: May 7, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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